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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PCAT, PARM, US, UR
SUBJECT: US/SOVIET CAT: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON PARTICIPATION OF
OTHER SUPPLIERS

1. AT THE JULY 24 HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING WE EXPECT
MENDELEVICH WILL RAISE THE ISSUE OF PARTICIPATION OF OTHER
SUPPLIERS IN CAT. WE ANTICIPATE HE WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING
ARGUMENTS:
-- THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT WILLING TO REACH ANY
AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING ON A BILATERAL BASIS;
-- ARMS SALES BY WEST EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS ARE GOING UP
AND THEIR INTEREST IN RESTRAINT APPEARS LIMITED;
-- HOWEVER, THEIR PARTICIPATION IN A RESTRAINT REGIME
IS REQUIRED IF IT IS NOT TO BE CIRCUMVENTED.

2. WE PROPOSE TO ANSWER HIS ARGUMENT AS FOLLOWS:
-- IT IS NECESSARY FOR US, THE TWO DOMINANT SUPPLIERS,
TO DEVELOP A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE
BOUNDARIES OF A RESTRAINT REGIME MIGHT BE;
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-- A NUMBER OF FRIENDS TO WHOM WE HAVE TALKED HAVE
MADE THE POINT THAT THE US AND USSR MUST START THE
PROCESS BY TAKING THE FIRST POSITIVE STEPS;
-- OTHER SUPPLIERS HAVE INDICATED THAT, IF THE US AND
SOVIET UNION DEMONSTRATE THEY ARE ABLE TO TALK SERIOUSLY
ABOUT RESTRAINT, THEY WOULD JOIN SUCH DISCUSSIONS;
-- EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN CAT IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE

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FOR A BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING; RATHER, IT IS COMPLEMENTARY.

3. WE PROPOSE TO INDICATE TO MENDELEVICH THAT ONE MORE BILATERAL ROUND IS REQUIRED. OTHER SUPPLIERS ARE STILL LOOKING TO US TO DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK FOR DISCUSSION. ASSUMING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS AT THE NEXT BILATERAL ROUND, THE US WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO A SUPPLIERS' CONFERENCE WITH THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPATION:
-- WESTERN SUPPLIERS: FRANCE, UK, FRG
-- EASTERN SUPPLIERS: POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR.

4. WE WANT TO DEAL BILATERALLY WITH THE SOVIETS FOR ONE MORE ROUND. WE WANT THE PRESSURE FOR OTHER SUPPLIER PARTICIPATION TO COME FROM THEM.

5. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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